



Sahuaro Weekly Update



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Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

April 3, 2009

The 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival. The city of Glendale's 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 4-5. The city of Glendale's Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature craft artisans, and delicious food and beverages, including wine tasting by Kokopelli Winery. New this year will be temporary art by three on-site public artist teams, who will be creating interactive experiences for audiences during the two-day event. Festival goers cannot help but notice "Double Archway" by Mark Grieve, Ilana Spector and Ed France. This large double archway built out of recycled bicycle wheels is your doorway to jazz and Blues and will be the Festival's central focal point this year. The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 5. Admission and parking are free. Parking is located throughout the downtown area, including handicapped parking. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, [click here](#) or call the city of Glendale special event hotline at (623) 930-2299.

Culture Pass from Glendale Libraries. Library cardholders can check out a Culture Pass for FREE admission for up to four people at participating arts and cultural institutions. Art that inspires and engages, hands-on-science that excites and educates, history that brings the Valley alive, plants and animals from here and around the world – all these and more are waiting for you. [Click here](#) to find out which institutions are participating and the guidelines for this wonderful opportunity. Quantities and availability are limited.

Glendale Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. to noon, Sahuaro Ranch Park, 63rd Avenue and Mountain View Road. Bring the kids to a morning of candy and candy-filled egg gathering at the Sahuaro Ranch Park ball complex. Egg hunts for children up to 10 years old will be held. Bring a camera to take photos with Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, and bring your basket to hold your eggs and candy. For more information call 623-930-2042.

Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup. Groups of volunteers and individuals are needed to help with a cleanup effort in Thunderbird Paseo Park, 6011 W. Thunderbird Road on Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. The project is scheduled as part of the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program. Volunteers should bring work gloves, plenty of water and sunscreen. Volunteers should meet in the morning at the Thunderbird Paseo Park, near 61st and Thunderbird avenues by the restrooms and the ramada. If you would like to participate, please RSVP by calling the City of Glendale Community Volunteer Program at 623-930-2915, via e-mail at awilkie@glendaleaz.com or visit our Web site at www.glendaleaz.com and click on "Volunteer!"

That Thursday Thing. On Thursday, April 16, from 5-8 p.m., shine your favorite boots and pull out your favorite cowboy hat as Historic Downtown Glendale goes Western for "Spurs and Spendin'!" Visitors will begin their Western experience at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where they will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. Enjoy an evening filled with western themed live entertainment; free horse-drawn carriage rides, fun giveaways and much more. Ollie the Trolley will provide free trolley rides throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Other highlights will include live music, interactive activities and displays from local cowboy and western organizations. The charity component for April will benefit the Citizens Police Academy Alumni of Glendale. For more information, call 623-930-4500 or visit www.VisitGlendale.com.

Around Town

2009 State Easter Egg Display at Glendale Main Library. Stop in the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., and see the display of the winner and runners-up of the White House State Egg program. The display is in the lobby until May 18. In 1994, Hillary Clinton, in conjunction with the American Egg Board, added the State Egg Display to the Easter festivities at the White House Visitor's Center. An artist from each state is selected to paint/decorate an egg. In Arizona, Hickman's Family Farms sponsored the statewide contest. Banner Estrella Medical Center partnered with Hickman's to hold the judging. Professional and amateur artists were invited to decorate an egg that best represents the state of Arizona. Cave Creek artist Karen S. Friend was the winner with an Old West scene. A replica of her egg will be placed in the exhibit as soon as First Lady Michelle Obama receives the original. Click here for more information. For more information about the display, call 623-930-3554.

Consumer Credit Classes. Consumer Credit Counseling Services, a non-profit organization, will be presenting the following two programs. Patrons may attend one session or both. Registration is required; to register or for more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

- Keeping Debt under Control:

April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

- Surviving a Layoff:

April 20 at 7 p.m. at Foothills Branch, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

April Business Programs at Glendale Main Library. Free business programs will be taking place during April at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

- "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 4
- "New Marketing for New Times" at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Apr. 7
- "West Valley Fast and the Curious: Speed Networking" from 3-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 8
- "Show & Tell" is the focus of the next Women Business Builders meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 11
- "SBA and Small Business Loans" will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 15

[Click here](#) for more information.

Live at the Library. Glendale Main Library's Live at the Library takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the library's auditorium at 5959 W. Brown St. On April 9, Enjoy teen rock band "Tanicus." See for yourself why this band, all seniors at Sandra Day O'Connor High School, won Glendale Public Library's 2008 Battle of the Bands. They are trying to revolutionize music—and it just may happen!

Learn to be Money Smart with Upcoming Library Programs. When times are tough, it is more important than ever to be savvy about your money—no matter how much you have. With that goal in mind, Glendale Public Library received a grant to offer free classes for teens and adults on a variety of financial literacy topics. Classes will be offered at all three libraries; the Glendale Community Center, near downtown Glendale; and at Luke Air Force Base (for members of the Luke community). The program kicks off in April, with the 2009 classes finishing in November. The sessions repeat in 2010. [Click here](#) for more information.

Glendale Family Bike Ride. Glendale Family Bike Ride is on Sunday, April 19 and is designed for people of all ages. There are two routes; a six-mile ride and a 12-mile ride. The ride begins and ends at historic Sahuaro Ranch Park (59th Avenue and Mountain Vista Road) with plenty of free parking and a historic ranch to explore after the ride. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the ride begins at 8:00 a.m. All riders must wear a bike helmet and, if you don't have one, you can buy a helmet for only \$10. Food vendors will be on hand to handle any after-ride appetites. To register, [click here](#) or pick up a registration form at most Glendale area bike shops, Glendale libraries, and the City of Glendale Parks and Recreation Department. You may also register the day of the ride.

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